



PATENT 8017-1131

## IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Ryuji TOMITA et al.

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Group 2814

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Examiner Long Pham

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH GUARD RING FOR PREVENTING WATER FROM ENTERING CIRCUIT REGION FROM OUTSIDE

## RESPONSE

MS AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 16, 2005

Sir:

This replies to the Official Action of May 18, 2005.

Responsive to the requirement for election of species, applicants elect Species III, that of Figs. 10A and 10B.

It is believed that all the claims, namely, claims 1-12, are readable on the elected embodiment.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

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overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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